§ 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Amendments

In the Claims:

Please substitute pending claims 47 and 83 with the following claims 47 and 83, respectively.

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(Once Amended) A cationic lipid compound of the following formula

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wherein

 Z_1, Z_2, Z_3 and Z_4 are the same or different and are -O-C(O)- or -O-;

 R_1 and R_2 are the same or different and are H, C_1 to C_{24} alkyl or C_1 to C_{24} alkenyl;

 R_3 and R_4 are the same or different and are C_1 to C_{24} alkyl or C_1 to C_{24} alkenyl;

 R_5 , R_6 , R_7 and R_8 are the same or different and are H, C_1 to C_{10} alkyl or C_1 to C_{10} alkenyl;

R₉ is a linker;

n and m are the same or different and are 1 to 8; and

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X and Y are the same or different and are non-toxic anions;

provided that when R_9 is a straight-chain alkylene having 3-6, 12, 16, 20, or 22 carbons, then all of R_1 , R_2 , R_3 , and R_4 are not H, all of R_5 , R_6 , R_7 , and R_8 are not methyl, m and n are not 1, and all of Z_1 , Z_2 , Z_3 , and Z_4 are not O.

Once Amended) A method for delivering a biologically active agent to a cell of an animal, said method comprising:

contacting said cell with a lipid aggregate, said lipid aggregate comprising said biologically active agent and a compound of claim.

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